

"having a career of firsts . . . a pacesetter, a role model and a champion of change." I find Ernie Talbert to be all of those things and much more. He is a distinguished leader, an insightful and honest man, and a true patriot. Recognizing General Talbert on Delaware Day, which signifies the birth of our Nation, seemed a much deserved honor.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, General Talbert's military career began in 1973 as a United States Air Force pilot flying C-141s out of Charleston, South Carolina. His 26 years of distinguished service with the Delaware National Guard began in January 1979, and today he is a command pilot with 6,500 flying hours. General Talbert's career with the Delaware Air Guard has been noteworthy in the wide variety of positions he has held including Squadron Commander; Operations Group Commander; Wing Commander and Chief of Staff for the Delaware Air Guard.

General Talbert's impact is certainly not limited to the Delaware National Guard. He is actively involved in many professional and community organizations including the John Porter Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen; the Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame; the Brig. General Spruance Chapter of the Air Force Association; and the Central Baptist Church.

I congratulate Ernie Talbert for his years of extraordinary service and countless contributions to the Delaware National Guard and the community. General Talbert is an exemplary citizen, and on behalf of all Delawareans I would like to thank him and his family for the many sacrifices they have made during the past 26 years. His recent promotion to the rank of brigadier general is appropriate recognition for a remarkable career.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF MAYOR JOHN J. SINDE OF WESTCHESTER, IL

##### HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mayor John J. Sinde of Westchester, IL.

Mayor Sinde passed away in the village he loved so dearly on November 17, 2005. After serving 24 years as mayor, Sinde retired from public life due to health issues.

Mayor Sinde was born in Chicago in 1925 and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He married his wife Marilyn in 1954 and moved to Westchester in 1963. Ten years later he began his public service on the Park Board and was elected as Village President in 1981.

During his tenure as Mayor, Sinde oversaw the construction of Westchester's administrative building, post office, Westbrook Towers and the Westchester Park District swimming pool which was renamed for him in June.

Mayor Sinde also helped the village of Westchester to receive its own ZIP code, 60154. This act helped to lower insurance rates by allowing insurers to look at the village apart from neighboring communities. Additionally, he assisted in the development of the southwest part of Westchester, including the shopping center at 31st Street and Wolf Road, the subdivisions along Wolf Road, and Westbrook Towers.

It is my honor to recognize and pay tribute to the life of Mayor John J. Sinde who always had the best interests of the village of Westchester at heart.

#### TRIBUTE TO BOEING BREAKING THE WORLD RECORD FOR LONGEST NON-STEP FLIGHT

##### HON. LORETTA SANCHEZ

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight a remarkable aviation achievement—a new world record for the longest nonstop distance flown by a commercial aircraft.

On October 9, 2005, a Boeing 777-200LR Worldliner touched down at London Heathrow Airport after completing a non-stop flight from Hong Kong, breaking its own world record set just 16 years earlier.

The Boeing 777-200LR, Boeing's newest aircraft, took the long way around, leaving Hong Kong and flying over the Northern Pacific ocean, crossing North America and then over the Atlantic Ocean to complete its record setting 11,664 mile flight, beating out the previous record by 1,164 miles.

The lead pilot for this remarkable flight was Captain Suzanna Darcy-Hennemann, who in the tradition of aviation pioneers like Amelia Earhart, is inspiring the next generation of young women pilots.

Mr. Speaker, this achievement is a milestone in the history of aviation. We have come a long way since Charles Lindbergh's first solo trans-Atlantic flight in 1927, which set the first world record.

I rise today to congratulate Boeing and its record setting crew, and to express on behalf of my constituents in Orange County, many of whom are Boeing employees themselves, my sincere appreciation of all that Boeing has done in service of American aviation.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

##### HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Ms. SCHWARTZ of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during an absence yesterday, I regrettably missed rollcall votes 609-611. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner: Rollcall No. 609: "yea"; rollcall No. 610: "yea"; rollcall No. 611: "yea."

#### HONORING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF DR. JAMES A. BOYD

##### HON. ROGER F. WICKER

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. WICKER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Dr. James A. Boyd of Columbus, Mississippi, on the occasion of his 40th anniversary as pastor at Zion Gate Missionary Baptist Church. I want to join with the con-

gregation, his family, and friends in offering congratulations on this special recognition.

Dr. Boyd's dynamic presence in the pulpit and his leadership abilities have given him the opportunity to travel far and wide in service to God and country. He entered the ministry in 1965 when he became pastor of Zion Gate and El Bethel Missionary Baptist Churches in Columbus. He also taught English in the Columbus School System before choosing to become the fulltime pastor at Zion Gate in 1970.

Over the past four decades, Dr. Boyd has played leadership roles in countless organizations and served as evangelist for revivals, seminars, and conferences all across the nation. He is currently serving as president of the Northeast Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Inc., and is a board member of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. He is Trustee/Chairman of the Ministerial Institute and College, Homiletic instructor at the college, and lecturer for the Mt. Olivet District Association.

Dr. Boyd is a native of Oktibbeha County, Mississippi, and graduated from Oktibbeha Training School before earning a bachelor's degree from Stillman College in 1964. He also attended Iowa State University and Mississippi State University. He received a doctorate of ministry at San Francisco Theological Seminary in San Anselmo, California. He also received a doctorate of divinity from Mary Holmes College in West Point, Mississippi, in 2002.

Dr. Boyd is married to the former Kathrene Peterson, and they have two daughters and three grandsons.

I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Dr. James Boyd for his lifetime of service to God and country.

#### TRIBUTE TO PHIL RUBENSTEIN

##### HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my good friend, Phil Rubenstein.

Throughout his career, Phil selflessly and passionately worked on behalf of the senior citizens in Ocean County, New Jersey, located in my congressional district. For 30 years, his federal career included work with both the Veterans and Social Security Administrations, and once he "retired", he began his second 30-year career—Director of the county's Office of Senior Services.

While leading this office, Phil strove to make seniors' lives better both through new innovations and by improving existing services. For example, he established a transportation system to assist elderly and disabled residents with rides to their radiation, chemotherapy and dialysis treatments—a system that won federal support. This is just one example of the many efforts Phil put forth on behalf of Ocean County seniors.

Phil's hard work and passion for helping seniors earned him numerous federal, state, county and community service awards, and a local medical center even dedicated its education center to him.

During my time in Congress, Phil and I worked closely on a number of issues. Over

the years, it became evident just how much he cared about the seniors of Ocean County, and this commitment never ceased to amaze me.

On November 25, 2005, Phil passed away at the age of 89. He led a full and purpose-driven life, and I can say with confidence on behalf of all of the seniors in Ocean County and myself that he will be missed.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND OTIS SNEED, JR. UPON HIS CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED OFFICE OF BISHOP ACCORDING TO THE APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION

**HON. JOHN LEWIS**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2005*

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to recognize Reverend Otis Sneed, Jr., Pastor of God's Church International Fellowship in Atlanta upon his recent consecration to the sacred office of Bishop according to the Apostolic Succession. I offer him my sincere congratulations and thanks for his continued commitment to transforming inner city communities.

Through his strong faith and Christian principles Bishop Sneed has bridged the racial, economic, social, educational and generational gaps in our community. He has served the metro Atlanta community with integrity and honesty. His service to my district has been invaluable and I wish him continued success in all his future endeavors. I ask that the Consecration documents be placed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF  
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

MANDATE OF CONSECRATION

Be it known to all that the Holy Synod of the International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches has approved the consecration of The Reverend Odis Sneed, Jr. of God's Church International Fellowship with jurisdiction over the State of Georgia and its environs.

Let it be recorded that the very Reverend Duane Ganther of Los Angeles, California is the presenter of this candidate. Said consecration is scheduled to take place at The Elim International Fellowship, The Protestant Cathedral in Brooklyn, New York on Saturday, October the fifteenth at 10:00 am in the year of our Lord, two thousand and five.

Given under our seals at the Archdiocesan office 20 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York, on Wednesday, September twenty-first, two thousand and five in the year of our Lord.

WILBERT STERLING

MCKINLEY,

*Patriarch.*

TREVOR DOMINIC BENTLEY,

*Exarch.*

CERTIFICATE OF CONSECRATION

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN.

Be it known to all present that we by divine right Patriarch of the International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches did on this the fifteenth day of October in the year of Our Lord two thousand and five ordain and consecrate our well beloved in Christ,

THE REVEREND ODIS SNEED, JR.

TO THE OFFICE OF BISHOP

Of the one true Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church and appoint him Bishop of Georgia with his see in Atlanta.

Of whose spiritual advancement, love of the Lord Jesus Christ, educational qualifications and knowledge of Holy Scriptures we are well acquainted,

Given under our seal and signature

In this our thirty-third year of Episcopacy

MOST REVEREND WILBERT

S. MCKINLEY,

*Consecrator.*

MOST REVEREND TREVOR D.

BENTLEY,

*Co-consecrator.*

MOST REVEREND MICHAEL

RENE LUNSFORD.

INCARDINATION

INTO

THE INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF  
REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

OF

GOD'S CHURCH INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

INSTRUMENT OF INTERCOMMUNION

IN THE NAME OF THE MOST HOLY AND

INDIVISIBLE TRINITY.

ARTICLE I

The International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches, recognize with gratitude that they are living in a far reaching community of belief of the transmitted Catholic faith as defined in the Holy Scripture and the ecumenical creeds of Nicea and Constantinople. They rejoice in their joint recognition of the divine Revelation and their transmission in the Catholic evidence of Holy Scripture, and in the Apostolic tradition of the Church of all ages of which both are an integral part.

ARTICLE II

The Reformed Episcopal Churches recognize the ecclesiastical office as it is vested in and derived from the Apostolic Succession and personified in the Bishops of the Church as the legal successor of the Apostles.

ARTICLE III

The Reformed Episcopal Churches recognize that the Grace of God is received through prayer and the faithful keeping of the ordinances of Holy Scripture.

ARTICLE IV

The Reformed Episcopal Churches hold the conviction that the Church in all her nuances cannot be subservient to God's intention in the world if she is torn asunder and divided by strife, discord and confusion to the detriment of herself or her mentor, we not only form a part of a unique people, a royal priesthood but the one body of Christ whose mission is to be an anticipating and active sign of the final union of all things, when God in Christ will be all in all.

ARTICLE V

To be shown trustworthy that the Church receives all her life from and through Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures. The various Christian denominations must help and correct each other in spite of all differences inherent to mankind and cooperate in all matters which relate to the mission and welfare of the Church, known as "The One Holy Apostolic Church" (Una Sancta et Apostolica Ecclesia), the spiritual home of all who confess Jesus Christ as their Lord, Redeemer and Saviour.

ARTICLE VI

Realizing that the above Churches live in and form a common Catholic faith, The International Fellowship of Reformed Episcopal Churches and God's Church International Church take the view of declare publicly that nothing exists between the above Churches which hinders a full communion in Sacris, so that while continuing individually autonomous and independent, a definite form of agreement of the above Churches is possible. This means in fact:

a. Mutual recognition of the validity of their administrations without any restrictions.

b. Mutual admission to Word and Ordinances.

c. Mutual aid to clergy and members of both Churches as able, if need should arise.

d. Cooperation and consultation in the field of general polity and ecclesiastical affairs.

e. Affiliated prelates must attend the Biannual Synodical Convention at a time and place as indicated by the Secretary General of the Synod.

f. Affiliated prelates must submit semi-annual reports to the Archepiscopal offices at 20 Madison Street, Brooklyn, New York.

ARTICLE VII

The Churches acknowledge and bow to the infallibility of Holy Scriptures and thereby are bound by its dictates. Be it clearly stated that no one will be ordained or elevated to the Office of Bishop according to the Apostolic Succession without the consent of the Archbishops, Patriarch, Primate, Metropolitan, and President, meeting in a duly constituted consultative Synod.

Given under our hands and seals:

duly authorized by the Universal Canons as exist in Holy Scripture

WILBERT S. MCKINLEY,

*Patriarch.*

TREVOR D. BENTLEY,

*Exarch.*

TRIBUTE TO MAYOR RICHARD C.  
SNYDER

**HON. JIM COSTA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, December 7, 2005*

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of former Mayor Mr. Richard C. Snyder of Sanger, California. He is survived by his two children Richard A. Snyder, daughter Jerry Ann Latham, four grandchildren, six great grandchildren, and his childhood sweetheart and wife of 59 years, Pearl Snyder.

Mr. Snyder was a well respected man who always put his family and friends first. The residents of Sanger continue to appreciate the work he has done to better their community and lives.

Born on May 6, 1922, Mr. Snyder was destined to live a happy and full life. He graduated from Sierra High School and spent four years of his life serving his country in the United States Air Force. Upon returning from service, Richard married his childhood sweetheart, Pearl on June 12, 1946.

Richard was a man of principle. He served the residents of Sanger, California as a council member, mayor pro tempore, and mayor for a combined total of twenty years.

In addition, Mr. Snyder volunteered as the Assistant Fire Chief for the Sanger Fire Department for 18 years. His kind nature and concern for others led the citizens of Sanger to honor him with the City of Sanger Citation of Appreciation Award on March 3, 1964.

The Sanger Eagles, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, and AmVets are just some of the many organizations of which Richard was a member. A highly decorated veteran, he was the recipient of the Soldier Medal of Valor, Good Conduct Medal, and Distinguished Unit Badge.

Mr. Snyder enjoyed fishing, hunting, swimming, but most of all he loved to spend time